Council Members Present: Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, John Munson, Amy Pikalek, Rosamaria Martinez, Greg Hutchins, Dan Hill

By Phone: Jerry Clark
Excused: Bev Phillips, Krystal Wambold

Call to Order
• Erik called the meeting to order at 11:33am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

Welcome and Introductions
• Welcome to Incoming Council Members
  – Amy Pikalek, Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning
  – John Munson, Broadcast and Media Innovations
• Welcome to Dan Hill, Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff (starts Monday, July 18)

Approval of June 20 Meeting Minutes
• Rosamaria moved that the minutes be approved with edit to May 10 minutes (Tom Culviner will not continue in the role of providing the Quarterly Updates and Yearly Summary.) John seconded. Minutes approved with edits.

Academic Staff Council Officer Elections
• Erik will serve another term as Chair.
• Bev will serve another term as Vice chair.

Chair Update
• ASC members are asked to continue to consider issues and concerns for the Chancellor’s attention.
  –One issue to keep on the burner: strategic planning

ASC Orientation
• Erik and Lisa are working on some orientation activities for new members. These include:
  –Presentation from Greg Hutchins and/or Dan Hill on the role of Shared Governance
  –Each ASC member will take 5 minutes or so to present background on their division and their role
  –A review of recent ASC work items

Alternate ways to conduct meetings
• We will continue to explore options such as WisLine and Skype to make meetings more accessible. Chancellor’s conference room on Lake Street also has some video conferencing capabilities.
Scholarship

- Greg gave some background on why scholarship has been a topic of discussion. It was originally emphasized in Coop Ext’s strategic plan and identified as a critical component of Coop Ext work. Scholarship is one of the unique aspects of Coop Ext — it has always been a part of the tenure process for faculty. Academic Staff then said “We do scholarship as well, and would like our work viewed on the same level as that of faculty.” Unlike faculty, Academic Staff have the opportunity to do scholarly work but are not required to do so.
- Distribution of Jerry’s summary document and discussion of whether Scholarly work should be a part of AS title review. General agreement that we first need to better define “scholarly work.” We need to make the definition broad enough to encompass a lot of work that might not traditionally be thought of as scholarship.
- Dan will forward Faculty scholarship definitions to ASC members.
- All agreed there is an institutional benefit, but need to consider how individuals can benefit without there being a penalty attached.
- All agree that we should take our discussion points to the Chancellor for his perspective, and determine whether scholarship would be a priority at this time.
- Jerry asked all to keep Awareness & Opportunities in mind as we move forward.

Committees

- Nominations. Lynne was the chair. Lisa will get in touch with her for information on the ASC Awards of Excellence. Rosamaria agreed to serve on this committee going forward.
- Communications. Lisa will continue on this committee. Amy agreed to join the committee and take over the Quarterly Reports.
- Distinguished Prefix. Bev will continue on this committee.
- Chapter 10.06 ad hoc committee. Erik and Bev will continue to serve. Chapter 10.06 concerns AS fixed-term terminal vs. fixed-term renewable appointment letters. We will continue to raise the issue and work with Chancellor Cross.
- UPG 15.05. Currently under review by the Board of Regents. This includes discussion on the lack of a process for Program Managers to advance in their positions/careers.
- UPG 15.01-04. Currently with Judy.

Academic Staff Conference

- Lisa and John will work to move this forward. Ideal timing would be for it to coincide with the Coop Ext conference.

Other Questions, brainstorming and discussion followed.

- Rosamaria suggested we ask for more/better guidance regarding office closures during weather or other emergencies. Who has the authority to close County offices? The county, chancellor, governor?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:21pm with a motion from John and second from Rosamaria.